

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for exchanging information with a memory card, the memory card ~~which~~ includes a usable area for saving a user data and a security area for storing secret data, and changes the capacity of the usable area by changing the capacity of the security area, the system being accessible with the security area only when the system is authenticated according to executing two-way authentication with the memory card, the system comprising:

a central processing unit including

a charge management module configured to receive payment of a charge corresponding to an increased amount of a usable area if a capacity of the usable area of the memory card for saving user data is increased, and pay out a charge corresponding to the reduced amount of the usable area if the capacity of the usable area is reduced; and

a transmission module configured to transmit an area changing command to instruct an increase or a reduction of the usable area in accordance with the charge to the memory card.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the central processing unit further includes a capacity calculation module configured to calculate the capacity of the usable area of the memory card.

3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the area changing command changes the capacity of the usable area of the memory card, and a capacity of an unusable area set in the usable area.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the area changing command changes a capacity of a security area of the memory card to be accessed only when the system of the memory card is authenticated.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the central processing unit further includes a connection module configured to notify a change of the capacity of the usable area to a memory capacity management server which manages a current capacity of the usable area of the memory card through a communication network.

6. (Previously Presented) A memory card comprising:
a usable area for saving a user data; and
a security area for storing secret data and configured to execute two-way authentication with a connected system, and to be accessible only when the connected system is authenticated;

a controller for changing a capacity of the usable area by changing the capacity of the security area, in accordance with an area changing command to instruct an increase or a reduction of the usable area based on a charge, the command being transmitted from a system which receives payment of a charge corresponding to an increased amount of the usable area if the usable area is increased, and pays out a charge corresponding to a reduction of the usable area if the usable area is reduced.

7. (Original) The memory card of claim 6, further comprising:
an unusable area set in the usable area,
wherein the controller changes the capacity of the usable area and a capacity of the unusable area in accordance with the area changing command.

8. (Previously Presented) The memory card of claim 7, wherein the controller temporarily saves the user data in a part of the unusable area.

9. (Previously Presented) The memory card of claim 6, further comprising:
a security area to be accessed only when two-way authentication with the system is carried out and the system is authenticated,
wherein the controller changes a capacity of the security area in accordance with the area changing command.

10. (Original) The memory card of claim 6, wherein the card is 24×32×2.1 mm in size and has a copyright protection function compliant with an SDMI standard.

11. (Withdrawn) A method for changing a storage capacity of a memory card, comprising:
if a capacity of a usable area of the memory card for saving a user data is increased,
receiving payment of a charge corresponding to an increased amount of the usable area by a host device which can access the memory card;
transmitting an area changing command to instruct an increase of the capacity of the usable area in accordance with the charge to the memory card from the host device; and
increasing the capacity of the usable area of the memory card in accordance with the area changing command, and
if the capacity of the usable area is reduced,

transmitting an area changing command to instruct a reduction of the capacity of the usable area to the memory card from the host device;

reducing the capacity of the usable area of the memory card in accordance with the area changing command; and

refunding a charge corresponding to the reduction of the usable area by the host device.

12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 11, wherein a charge corresponding to a reduction per unit of memory capacity is lower than a charge corresponding to an increase.

13. (Withdrawn) A method for changing a usable area capacity for saving a user data of a memory card, comprising:

transmitting an area changing command to instruct a reduction of the usable area of one or more of a plurality of memory cards from a host device which can access the memory card;

reducing the usable area of the one or more of the memory cards in accordance with the area changing command;

transmitting an area changing command to increase the usable area by an amount equivalent to the reduction of the other one of the plurality of memory cards from the host device; and

increasing the usable area of another memory card in accordance with the area changing command.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein the area changing command changes the capacity of the usable area of the memory card and a capacity of an unusable area set in the usable area.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein the area changing command changes a capacity of a security area to be accessed only when the host device of the memory card is authenticated.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Withdrawn) A method for paying and receiving a charge for a storage capacity of a memory card, the method using in a storage capacity changing system including a host device changing information with a memory card with a usable area for saving a user data and changing the usable area capacity according to a charge, the method comprising:

if a capacity of the usable area is increased,

 paying of a charge corresponding to an increased amount of the usable area by a user of the memory card to the host device;

 collecting of the charge by a dealer who sells the memory card;

 paying of a part of the charge collected by the dealer who sells the memory card to a manufacturer which manufactures the memory card; and

if the capacity of the usable area is reduced,

 paying out a charge corresponding to a reduction of the usable area by the dealer who sells the memory card through the host device to the user.